HOUSE BILL No. 1666

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-11-4.6.

Synopsis: Permanent absentee ballot application status. Provides that elderly voters and voters with disabilities may apply for permanent absentee ballot application status.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1   SECTION 1. IC 3-11-4.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2   AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3   JULY 1, 2007]:
4   **Chapter 4.6. Permanent Absentee Ballot Status**
5   **Sec. 1. This chapter applies after December 31, 2007.**
6   **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "circuit court clerk" includes the**
7   **absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk in a**
8   **county that has an absentee voter board.**
9   **Sec. 3. The following voters may apply for permanent absentee**
10 **ballot application status under this chapter:**
11   **(1) A voter with disabilities.**
12   **(2) An elderly voter.**
13   **Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in this chapter, the information**
14 **required and the procedures for applying for permanent absentee**
15 **ballot application status are the same as required for a voter**
16 **making an application for an absentee ballot under IC 3-11-4.**
17   **(b) Except as provided in this chapter, the following apply:**

    **(1) A voter with permanent absentee ballot application status
has the same rights and is subject to the same procedures and
standards as other voters applying for an absentee ballot.**

    **(2) The absentee ballots cast by a voter with permanent
absentee ballot application status shall be treated the same as
other absentee ballots.**

  **Sec. 5. (a) Upon receiving an application for permanent absentee
ballot application status, the county election board shall determine
whether the voter is entitled to permanent absentee ballot
application status under this chapter.**

  **(b) If the voter qualifies for permanent absentee ballot
application status under this chapter and IC 3-11-4, the circuit
court clerk shall do the following:**

    **(1) Place the voter's name on a list of all voters in the county
who have permanent absentee ballot application status under
this chapter.**

    **(2) Notify the voter that the voter has been placed on the
permanent absentee ballot application status list. The
notification must inform the voter of the provisions of section
7 of this chapter.**

    **(3) Send an application for absentee ballots to the voter each
time there is an election held in the precinct of the voter's
residence.**

  **Sec. 6. Absentee ballot applications sent to and received from a
voter who has permanent absentee ballot application status:**

    (1) are subject to the same procedures and deadlines; and

    (2) shall be processed in the same manner;

as all other absentee ballot applications.

  **Sec. 7. If a voter on the permanent absentee ballot application
status list fails to vote at a statewide general election, the circuit
court clerk shall delete the voter's name from the list of voters with
permanent absentee ballot application status.**